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Hualapai Tribal Council
PO Box 179
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Dear Hualapai Tribal Council Members,

I am writing to you on behalf of the First Things First – Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council to request to present at the Tribal Council meeting on May 6, 2011.

During the first year of planning, the regional partnership council found that the Hualapai Tribe's most pressing early childhood needs include maternal and child health, comprehensive support for families of young children, educational opportunities for child care and early education workers, and food security. Over the last two years, the Regional Council has provided over \$250,000 to address these issues.

At a Tribal Council Meeting on January 8, 2011, you approved the Regional Partnership Council's Funding Plan for State Fiscal Year 2012, which will be implemented beginning July 1, 2011. Over the last few months, programs have submitted proposals for renewing their grants for SFY 2012. The Regional Partnership Council will be considering those renewals, and are requesting the Tribal Council's approval before moving forward.

The following are the funding amounts, strategies and programs for consideration of renewal:

- \$106,713 to continue maternal child health home visitation services. The Hualapai Tribe Health Department makes home visits to expectant and new parents and conducts group classes with the goal of healthier pregnancies, competent parents and improved child development and health.
- \$8,330 to address food insecurity and nutrition by providing emergency food boxes and infant formula through agreements with the Hualapai Tribe Health Department and St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance.

Also, for your information, we are moving forward with developing a grant agreement with the Hualapai Department of Cultural Resources for the Native Language Enrichment Strategy that was also approved by the Tribal Council on January 8, 2011.

I appreciate the opportunity to present before the Hualapai Tribal Council at your meeting on May 6th, 2011. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Ashley Pascual
Regional Director, Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council
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